

The Bethel News.

VOLUME X.—NUMBER 1.

BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1904.

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Assets Dec. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$ 99,507.07
Mortgage Loans,	104,841.00
Collateral Loans,	1,700.00
Stocks and Bonds,	418,289.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	18,813.23
Agents' Balances,	41,666.62
Interest and Rents,	3,626.44
Gross Assets,	\$482,443.36
Admitted Assets,	\$482,443.36
LIABILITIES DEC. 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 14,298.03
Unearned Premiums,	172,000.00
All other Liabilities,	133,000.00
Cash Capital,	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	62,751.14
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$482,443.36

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of B. FRANK BLAKE, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereon are requested to make payment immediately. April 19, Elmer C. Park.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mr. Will Gunther is working in Portland.

E. C. Bowler is spending the week in St. Louis.

Mrs. S. M. Yates of Milan, N. H., spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell were in Portland Saturday.

Mrs. Jacques spent Sunday with friends in Shelburne, N. H.

Miss Grace Stowell has been suffering from the grip the past week.

Mr. Eugene Martin's house is nearly completed, and they will soon move into it.

Mr. Clarence Wescott of Portland, was the guest of relatives in town over Sunday.

Mr. Frank Barrett is yet in poor health at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Abbott.

Miss Edith Farwell of Gilead, was the guest of Mrs. Alice Farwell the last of the week.

The appearance of the Common has been much improved by the setting out of shrubbery, etc.

Miss Gladys Wood of Portland has been the guest of friends in town for the past few days.

Mrs. W. H. Young and Miss Ruth King have returned from a visit to Portland and Norway.

Mr. Sidney B. Goodwin spent a few days with his brother in Berlin, N. H., the first of the week.

Mrs. Norman Dudley and sister, Miss Hattie Foster, visited their grandparents in Newry Sunday.

The three houses on Park Street owned by W. W. Hastings, have recently received a coat of paint.

Mrs. J. F. Coolidge who has been ill for nearly two months with the grip and a relapse is able to be out.

A special meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held to-morrow evening for initiation.

D. H. Mason has employment for the summer with a Berlin Mills surveying party in Carroll, N. H.

The children of North Bethel, are enjoying their school under the instruction of Miss Minnie Godwin.

Miss Fannie Hastings has returned to her home after a visit of some weeks with her sister, Mrs. Kenney, of Portland.

Miss Zelma Reed of Berlin, N. H., is working in the telephone office while Miss Van Huesen is enjoying a short vacation.

W. S. Wight has plan of Hall and tickets to sell for the Portland Music Festival June 6, 7 and 8. Greater artists than ever.

Miss Arria and Master Lawrence Philbrook of Shelburne, N. H., drove down to Bethel Friday, returning Sunday.

A rehearsal for Memorial music will be held at the Congregational church to-night at 7.30 o'clock sharp. All singers are invited.

The butter factory has been somewhat improved of late, both inside and about the grounds. Mr. Wheeler has lately added a new churn to the equipment of this well conducted factory.

Mr. Powley Lowe recently purchased the C. D. Atherton farm on Sunday River. He will move his family there just before the haying season begins. His son-in-law, E. E. Wilson, will occupy a portion of the house.

Mr. Silas Littlehale has returned from Ketchum, where he has been spending a week with his brother. He is somewhat improved from his illness which has been of a number of weeks' duration, and hopes soon to be about his usual work.

A gray squirrel which has been in captivity for seven years, was taken to the woods last Sunday and freed from his cage that his last days might be passed in liberty and happiness. He wandered about, allowed his former captors to stroke his fur and take him up, but seemed to have forgotten how to climb trees, as he made no effort in that direction.

H. C. Barker was in Portland Saturday.

Gilman Chapman was in Portland Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Mason of Boston is visiting relatives in town.

H. H. Hastings, Esq. is spending the week in Massachusetts.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Andrews Tuesday afternoon.

Chas. L. Lyon and Ella Hapgood were united in marriage last Saturday, at Harrison, by the Rev. E. Z. Whitman.

The rooms at The Howard are being engaged for the summer by those who spent a portion of last summer in Bethel.

Mrs. Sarah Putnam took a carriage drive to Dixfield Tuesday afternoon. She will return to Bethel, Thursday.

Rev. A. D. Colson and wife have issued invitations to the students of Gould's Academy, to a reception at their home to-morrow evening.

The Vanessa Company were guests at The Howard during their stay in town. A portion remained until Saturday afternoon for a fishing trip and picnic dinner.

Delightful weather and vegetation has pushed forward rapidly during the past week. Many of the apple blossoms, of which there are an abundance, are falling in showers.

Posters for the Commencement Concert were placed about the village last week. The Lotus Quartette will be gladly welcomed by Bethel people, and no doubt will sing to a large audience on the evening of June 2.

The annual anniversary sermon before the teachers and students of Gould's Academy, will be delivered in the Congregational church next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock by the Rev. F. E. Barton. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

The following letters are advertised at the postoffice:

Mrs. J. A. Bennett.
Mrs. Daniel Frost.
Mrs. Jose Langer.
Mr. E. Kimball.
Proprietor of Argusnet.

Miss Nelle E. Bradley of the Kennebec Journal office and Mr. George H. French assistant manager of the Maine Farmer, Augusta, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. French's home on Church street.

Mr. Harlan B. Clough of Portsmouth, N. H., who underwent an operation for the removal of a portion of a broken knee cap, at the Maine General Hospital last Friday, is reported as doing nicely, and expects to return to his home in a couple of weeks.

The posters for the Maine Music Festival to be held the first week in June have made their appearance in conspicuous places. Schumann-Heink, the great favorite of those who attend the festival, occupies the center, while all the well-known soloists are grouped about her. Prof. Chapman who never does things by halves, has not failed this time to secure artists of whom Maine may well feel proud.

The supper for the benefit of the Old Ladies' Home, while netting a very creditable amount considering the weather, did not quite come to the sum wished for. If those who were not able to attend will hand whatever sum they may feel to give to Mrs. C. N. Gleason, the amount will be forwarded to Norway. It is hoped the proceeds from the supper may be increased to \$25 at least.

Mrs. William Rogers Chapman arrived in Bethel from Portland last Friday morning, and spent Friday and Saturday with her daughter Miss Nellie Bishop Chapman at their home in Mayville, returning to Portland on the afternoon train, Saturday. She returns to Bethel for a few days' rest at the latter part of this week, and then not again until after the Festival. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, and their daughter open their summer home in Mayville for another season, on the 20th day of June, at which time they will be pleased to welcome their friends in Bethel and vicinity as in previous years.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Hats trimmed free of charge at L. M. Stearns'. See ad.

At E. E. Burnham's you will find summer hosiery at 10, 12 1/2, 15, 25, 37, 48, 50, 60, 75 and 85 cents per pair.

Dr. G. L. Sturdivant is in Portland to-day.

A. H. Mason's herd was recently tested and found satisfactory.

Rev. F. C. Potter returned last week from Los Angeles, Cal., and the World's Fair.

Rev. F. E. Barton will preach at the Union church next Sunday, May 29, at 10.30 a. m.

Mrs. Harriette F. Farwell has been a great sufferer the past week or ten days from neuralgia.

R. E. L. Farwell is having a piazza constructed on the front of his store on Church street.

Mrs. Hills will be at Miss Burnham's store from 11.00 a. m. Wednesday, June 1, to 8.30 a. m. Thursday, June 2.

Do not fail to hear Miss Elsie Livermore in her original monologues at the Commencement Concert, June 2.

Last night about 6 o'clock Mrs. Dolly Hastings, wife of Maj. G. A. Hastings, died at her home on Broad street. One week ago while about her usual work Mrs. Hastings was stricken with a shock. During the spring she has been unusually well and with her usual ambition has taken an interest in all that pertained to her home life so that her illness came without the least warning. Everything that love and devotion could do has been done in order if possible, to at least lengthen her days until her husband could be summoned from the West where in company with their son, D. R. Hastings, he went a few weeks ago to look after property in which he had lately invested. Tuesday morning it was the doctor's opinion that at no time during Mrs. Hastings' illness had the prospects for recovery been as bright as at that time and much encouragement was felt by relatives and friends; about 5.30 p. m., the nurse left the bedside to get medicine and on returning noticed that a change had taken place. It is thought that she had suffered another shock and in a few minutes the end came. The deepest sympathy of the whole community goes out to the husband who, upon his arrival, which is expected in a few days, will return to a home made desolate. Mrs. Hastings only a few weeks ago passed her seventy-eighth birthday. She leaves beside her husband five sons. Funeral services will be held at her late residence to-morrow at 2 p. m.

Memorial Services.

Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day in Bethel will be observed by Brown Post, the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, the Schools and all others that are interested in keeping in remembrance the great struggle for national honor and unity. On Sunday morning at 10.30, Brown Post, the Woman's Relief Corps, scholars and citizens, will form in line at G. A. R. Hall and escorted by the Sons of Veterans with music will march to the Congregational Church where union services will be held under the auspices of all the churches. Rev. A. D. Colson will deliver the Memorial sermon. A special musical program led by Prof. W. S. Wight has been arranged for the occasion.

On Monday, Memorial Day Brown Post will see that all soldiers graves in this jurisdiction are decorated.

The details to visit the different cemeteries will be ready to leave Post hall at 7.30 a. m. Services will be held at East Bethel at 9.30 a. m. and at Middle Intervale at 11 a. m. In the afternoon at 2.30 services will be held at Woodlawn cemetery by the Women's Relief Corps assisted by the school children, in honor of the unknown dead. At 7.30 p. m. at the Congregational Church, the Memorial address will be delivered by Richard Galtier, a navy veteran.

Commencement Concert.

The senior class of Gould's Academy have been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of the Lotus Concert Company for the annual Commencement Concert.

This company consists of the Lotus Quartette, Mr. Frank Holding, violinist, Miss Elsie L. Livermore, monologist and Miss Lillian V. Bearce, soprano soloist.

The Lotus Quartette is reported as surpassing, this year, even its previous excellence and brings to Bethel for the first time the well known baritone, Flavel R. Jordan Jr., who easily ranks among the best soloists of Maine.

Mr. Frank Holding, violinist, needs no introduction to a Bethel audience. No one who has once heard the clear, sweet tones, which he is able to draw from the violin, will fail to improve an opportunity of listening to him again.

Miss Elsie L. Livermore, Monologist, is famous for her ability to hold her audience from start to finish. She is at her best in her original monologues, which often portray many of the laughable frailties of her sex. She is said to be able to practically provide a whole performance, including the singing of songs—topical, sentimental and comic—and the rendering of monologues after the most approved vaudeville methods.

Miss Lillian Bearce, soprano soloist also comes to us with the highest of recommendations and we feel that an unusual treat is awaiting us in the concert which this company will give in Bethel Thursday evening June 2, 1904. Tickets 35 cents and 50 cents. All seats reserved.

"Gould's" Reunion and Banquet.

"The third Reunion and Banquet of the friends and former students of Gould's Academy, is to be held at Prospect Inn, Bethel, on the afternoon of June 3, 1904. The dinner which will be served promptly at one o'clock, will be free to all members of the Alumni Association whose dues have been paid for the current year. The charge to those not members of the Association will be fifty cents per plate. You are cordially invited to be present and it is earnestly desired that you reply at your earliest convenience in order that the committee may know exactly how many to provide for." The committee have found it quite impossible to send out invitations as plentifully as they did in 1900, as funds and time are both limited, but they take pleasure in extending the above invitation through the courtesy of the Bethel News, to all friends and former students of "Old Gould's." It is hoped that many will accept the opportunity, and send their name and number of tickets desired, to the secretary as early as May 30. All persons who have received postals are also urged to reply as soon as May 30. Those living in our village and town are expected to reply as well as those living at a distance. Many have already been heard from and signify their intention of being present.

ANNIE M. FRYE,
Secretary.

Republican Caucus.

The Republican voters of the town of Bethel, Maine, are requested to meet at the lock-up in Bethel village on Saturday, June 4, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing three delegates to the Republican State Convention, to be held at Bangor, June 29, 1904; and three delegates to attend the Republican County Convention, to be held at South Paris, Friday, July 1, 1904; also to choose a Republican Town Committee for the years 1905 and 6.

Per order,

Republican Town Committee,
ELLERY C. PARK, Chairman.
J. U. PURINGTON, Secretary.
Bethel, May 25, 1904. 2w1

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

Harry Purington, Bethel,	Votes 6348
Lyman Wheeler, Bethel,	5461
Gottard Carlson, Bethel,	3757
Miss Ethel Allen, West Bethel,	25x9

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

At the Oxford County teachers' convention held in Oxford on Friday and Saturday, it was voted that hereafter the meetings of the association be annual, instead of semi-annual, as has been the custom previously.

Mrs. Celia Sturtevant of Dixfield has received an invitation to act as hostess of the State of Maine as president of the Rebekah State assembly at the World's Fair at St. Louis, Mo., in the Temple of Fraternity, to receive all Rebekahs from Maine and other States.

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TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave.	1.45	6.30
Gorham.	4.00	8.35
Gilead.	4.25	8.38
West Bethel.	4.38	8.47
BETHEL, arrive.	4.45	8.53
Lookes Mills.	5.05	9.00
Bryant Pond.	5.05	9.05
South Paris.	5.38	9.30
Lewiston.	6.40	10.30
Portland, arrive.	7.30	11.15
Boston, via boat.	12.45	4.10

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave.	8.15	1.30
Lewiston.	9.00	2.30
South Paris.	10.00	3.38
Bryant Pond.	10.28	4.15
Lookes Mills.	10.35	4.18
BETHEL, arrive.	10.46	4.32
West Bethel.	10.54	4.42
Gilead.	11.05	4.54
Gorham.	11.30	5.20
Island Pond.	1.30	7.50
Montreal.	6.50	7.50
Toronto.	7.15	7.50
Chicago.	8.45	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M., East and 9.37 P. M., West, runs every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M., and at Berlin 12.15 P. M. Returning leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05 P. M.

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CLIFFTOP XIV.
PRISON FLOWERS—A CAREER OF CRIME.

The "Stronghold" was quiet when the clock struck two in the morning. Every sound had died away, save the occasional tread of some sleepy sentry, who endeavored to rouse himself by walking his beat, but would soon remain quiet again. The moon was shrouded in heavy masses of dense clouds, the stars were veiled, nor did the night-wind, with its forest-rum-mur, intrude upon the stillness of the scene. To Rupert Loudon, a solitary watcher, this solemn quiet was indeed welcome. The confusion attendant upon the arrival of the routed dragoons had placed him in an agony of suspense; but now that had faded away, and his heart evoked a pure soul-worship, the bright spirit of Aurora, deeply buried in thought, he sat indulging in the dream-like reverie—hope and sadness blending in his mind, like the sunlight and the shadow of an April day.

Again there was a knock at the secret door. Rupert, by some mystic sympathy, had expected to hear it. Springing to his feet, he stood before the panel to greet her to whom he had pledged his love.

"Did you know that the dragoons had returned?" inquired Aurora, lingering at the doorway with modest embarrassment.

"I suspected as much. What has been their success?" asked Rupert, eagerly.

"Defeat, or I am mistaken. The lower hall is filled with wounded men; but the sentries have been withdrawn from our doors. Now is the time for your escape."

"Will you accompany me?"

Aurora trembled, for such a step had never before occurred to her; yet the tone in which the entreaty was made was fraught with meaning. Yet she could not reply. True love hath the power of giving a few simple words an eloquence beyond their meaning; and they create a feeling far from earthly things removed, shedding a bright gleam along the heart.

Rupert observed her hesitation.

"Why remain," he asked, "to become the prey of these oppressive dragons of royalty? Perchance to be dragged to the altar by that odious Trevor, who already revels in anticipation over your charms. No, no, dearest Aurora! Fate has again brought us together; do not now desert one who adores you beyond his own existence."

"Impossible," she murmured, with evident embarrassment.

"Nay," urged Rupert; "spurn not my suit. I have neither wealth nor titles to lay at your feet; but I feel that I can make you happy; while I, possessing you, should envy nought in earth or heaven. Let us fly, then, and enjoy the blessings of liberty."

Aurora loved. That electric passion does not germinate rapidly in cold or world-trained hearts, but in the breasts of the unsophisticated it soon strikes root, neither is its growth checked by recollections. Untroubled in those arts which refinement has adopted to conceal the wildest passion of the soul, bright glances flashed from beneath her downcast, silken eyelashes, while a happy smile illuminated her countenance. Yet she could not speak her thoughts, for her heart was too full for words.

"You do not answer me," said Rupert; "yet in the honesty and purity of my own heart I find proof that its homage is not unacceptance. Without you, earth would be a desert—without you, the sun would shed a more glorious effulgence, the moon cast a softer radiance upon my future pathway of life. Come, then, and from the depth of my unbounded affection I will offer you rich treasures of happiness."

"Rupert, dear Rupert!" faintly exclaimed Aurora, who felt that she could not long resist such earnest entreaty.

"My love—my own," he passionately replied, and clasping her to his throbbing heart, he imprinted the long, lingering kiss of first love upon her lips. "Why not share my flight. The sharpshooters must be near at hand; and we can remain quiet among the mountains until the war is over."

"What!" said Aurora, raising her dove-like eyes with a confiding expression. "You will not surely leave your command, or desert the glorious cause which you have so gallantly espoused?"

Rupert hung his head, and she continued:

"Besides, my uncle may yet redeem his yesterday's conduct. Never before did he seek to oppose my happiness, and I cannot thus leave his protection."

"But should he attempt to force you into this alliance with Trevor?" asked Rupert, who was convinced, on a moment's reflection, that it was wrong to ask Aurora to share his ruinous fortune.

"He will fail in the attempt," replied Aurora. "Here do I solemnly vow never to wed any one except—here her voice faltered for her love had taken the advantage of her maidenly reserve; but Rupert hastened to finish the remark, saying:

"Rupert Loudon, you would say," and again he clasped her in his arms. Then, sitting down side by side, that young couple told their loves in the softude of the calm night. Holy time, when the heart may revel without interruption in the witching bliss of pure affection, only surpassed by the joys of a higher world. If ever a ray from those heavenly spheres gilds the gloom of earth's fairest creations—if ever the light of hope mantles the cheek of despondency—if ever an angel folds his rustling pinions to contemplate a scene of earthly happiness, it is when the solemn hour of night is thus awakened by the pure and radiant vows of two loving spirits.

Regardless of the future, these young hearts frankly confessed their mutual passion from its first dawning. They were not skilful in analyzing their affection—they only felt its power, and bowed to it, and enjoyed it. Yes, enjoyed it. For what earthly joy can compare with the affection of youthful and unpracticed hearts, who love with all the sincerity and simplicity of nature, and with a solemn intensity, never to be experienced again by those whose feelings are hackneyed? Talk of childhood's glee, or of the tranquil serenity of ripper years—the first of love is the golden age of human existence. Alas! that it passes as rapidly as the fabled one of the world has done. But while it lasts, let young hearts enjoy it. Joyous be the thoughts of first love—the only passion the young heart knows—the fragrance of our early flames, which still remains when the freshness of life is gone—when we have but our souvenirs and our regrets.

An hour passed in a dream, when the relief of the guard aroused the happy lovers from their dream.

"Rupert," said Aurora, "you must leave, or daylight will render your escape impossible. Let me guide you down stairs by the servants' passage, where you can pass through the garden and gain the woods."

"But promise me, again, dearest, that you will never wed another."

"Never, never! I feel that my heart is yours, and my hand shall remain my own until you claim it."

Words could not express the gush of rapture which filled Rupert's soul; and covering Aurora's trembling lips with passionate kisses, he promised her that he would soon return. "But," he concluded, "if your uncle endeavors to force you into any alliance, you will seek refuge among the gallant patriots?"

"I will," replied Aurora, in a confiding tone. "But you must not linger longer. Come!" and with her finger to her lips, as a caution that silence was necessary, she opened the door by springing back the bolt. A glance into the upper hall satisfied her that no one was on watch, and beckoning to Rupert to follow her, she conducted him down a small back staircase, used by the servants, into the basement.

The kitchen was occupied by the guard, but they were too intent on the game of cards to heed the passers by their doors. A moment more and he was in the garden, where a long trellis, covered with a luxuriant grape-vine, would enable him to reach the woods undiscovered.

"Now," said Aurora, in a voice nearly choked with emotion, "farewell!" and ere Rupert could reply, she had turned and disappeared into the house. He was alone. For a second, a feeling of wild and fearful desolation came over his spirit, but bright hope soon inspired him with glittering visions of a happy meeting. Casting a lingering look at the door through which she had vanished, he started, with joyous step and elastic heart, in search of his command.

While this happy interview had transpired in the upper story of the "Stronghold," there was a painful scene in a room on the lower floor, which had been appropriated to Mr. Vernon. It will be recollected that the lawyer had recognized Sandy McGregor among the wounded brought in by the dragoons, and had him conveyed into his own room. The surgeon, on examining the young man's wound, pronounced it dangerous, but as the patient was insensible soon after he was laid down, nothing definite could be ascertained. Mr. Vernon refused to leave the sufferer's side, where he sat through the night, apparently lost in thought, though occasionally a spasmodic twitching showed that his passions were excited, and then he would gnaw his nails, as if eager to find vent for his rage. Day had dawned before the wounded bugler was restored to a consciousness of his situation, when he partially raised himself on one elbow, gazing around him with a look of confused anguish. At first he could not recall to memory how he came where he was, for to the pain of his wounds was mingled a recollection of battle—shots given and received—plunging horses—and the attendants of a flight. Then, turning partially round, he started as if he had seen a ghost, and sank back exhausted.

"Poor Sandy!" exclaimed Mr. Vernon; "do you feel much pain, lad?"

"Is that really you?" asked the sufferer, as if doubtful whether he was not the victim of deception.

"Yes, yes. And now, Sandy, what possessed you to treat me as you have done?"

"O, do not come preaching to me, if you cannot help me. I've had enough of that; and if I'm to be hung, give me up at once!"

Cold drops of agony stood on the young man's brow as he spoke; his hollow eyes were of an unearthly brilliancy, and he tossed his arms in agony.

"My poor Sandy," said Mr. Vernon, in a soothing tone, "you know that I have ever humored your foibles, and had you not run away on committing that rash act, I should have protected you. Don't let that trouble you,

though, for I have a full pardon for you. And now, lad, do you know where you are?"

"In my cousin's house," gloomily replied Sandy; "but I'm dying here. Is Mr. Maxwell safe?"

"He is; and O, how glad he will be to see you."

"O, how I suffer! Can you not do something for me? can he not? O, I shall go mad!"

"Patience! Has that been taught me? or have I led a life of deceit? But listen. Who do you think has been here? nay, is now here?"

"Who?" exclaimed Vernon, his eyes kindling with eager interest.

"Listen," said the wounded man; and Vernon bent over his couch, repeating his question, "who?"

"Rupert Loudon," replied Sandy, in a hissing tone of voice, like water falling upon hot iron. "Now you can guess why I risked my life."

"My own Sandy," rejoined Vernon. "But you must not talk now, lad, for it evidently exhausts you. Remain quiet a moment, and I will endeavor to procure you relief."

Hastening into the library, Mr. Vernon found Captain Foster, who, like a true soldier, was up, attending to the wounded of his command.

"Ah, Mr. Justice," said he, "I wish you good morning. It was perhaps well that you came on in advance of us yesterday, for we had hot work."

"So I have learned from a poor fellow with you, who received a bad wound in his side."

"His side? You must be mistaken, for I have seen all the men, and do not remember such a wound."

"This is a trumpeter, I believe, who has been known as Sandy McGregor."

"O, the deserter. Yes, I now remember that he was peppered by those confounded riflemen. But where is he?"

"In my room, captain. You will doubtless be surprised when I inform you that this trumpeter is Alexander Maxwell, son of our host, here, and their presumptive to a peerage."

"Whew!" exclaimed Foster, unable to restrain his surprise. "But what on earth led him to enlist, and why did he desert?"

"It is a long story, captain. By-and-by I will tell it to you; but now this poor fellow is in great agony, alone. Cannot Miss Maxwell attend him?"

"Certainly. Indeed, I was just thinking of sending for you when you came in, to place these Maxwells in your hands, as my dispatches inform me that you have complete jurisdiction. I took the responsibility of keeping them confined, because I had good proof that they had been, if they were now not, disaffected to his majesty. Besides, a brother officer of mine has promise of the lady's hand."

"Not Loudon?" interrupted Mr. Vernon, an angry flush over-spreading his face.

"No indeed! Why, this Loudon is a rebel—not a comrade. And by the way, Mr. Justice, I will have him brought before you after breakfast, for Trevor (who is the bridegroom expectant) is not disposed to have me retain him as a prisoner of war."

"I'll take care of him!" exclaimed Mr. Vernon, with a chuckle of satisfaction. Then a shade came over him, and he turned towards the door, saying: "By your leave, then, I'll endeavor to persuade Miss Maxwell to stay with her cousin. After breakfast we'll see about this rebel."

Hastening up stairs, he knocked at Aurora's door and was promptly admitted. She was plainly dressed, and as he entered instinctively turned her eyes towards a looking-glass, to see if her countenance betrayed any signs of agitation. At any rate, Mr. Vernon perceived nothing out of the way, and after the usual interchange of courtesies, he inquired after her uncle's health.

"I cannot say," replied Aurora, "for I am a prisoner here, and he, I think, is also under lock and key."

"Not so," said Mr. Vernon; "for the civil power overshadows military despotism; and my first step was to annul Capt. Foster's despotic decree. But you, Miss Aurora, are needed before, where a young countryman, who was wounded last night, craves your ministering care."

Aurora started and turned pale. Could it be that Rupert had been wounded and re-captured?

"You wonder who it is, I suppose?" inquired Mr. Vernon.

An inclination of the head was the only response, for her heart was too full for speech.

"Your promised bridegroom, young lady; your cousin Alexander. Poor fellow, he was the mark for a rebel bullet last night, and I know you will not refuse to administer to his wants."

"That I will not," eagerly replied Aurora, whose mind was relieved of its sad fears, and whose kind heart prompted her to hasten to her cousin's bedside.

"I knew it," said Mr. Vernon. "Now let us hasten to him, for he is in great distress."

Hastening down stairs they found the surgeon by Alexander's bedside, endeavoring to bind up his wound.

"Is it dangerous?" hastily inquired Mr. Vernon, gazing at the surgeon as though he would read his heart's secrets.

"I hope not. Just now I found him very uneasy, but I have given him some opium, which will soon put him to sleep. When he awakes I think you will find him better." And the surgeon left to attend to other sufferers.

Aurora immediately sat down by the bedside, and with the gentle kindness of her sex began her work of mercy. The pillows were re-arranged, a damp handkerchief laid on the sufferer's parched brow, and he was soon more quiet. Calm and collected, her radiant eyes veiled by their long lashes, and the color banished from

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her cheek, she looked like an angel of mercy. Ono entered with a summons to breakfast, and Aurora urged Mr. Vernon to go, insisting on remaining with the wounded man. The oplate had soothed his nervous system, but it failed to quiet his excited spirits. For some time Aurora did not attempt to connect his disjointed expressions; but the sound of well-known name attracted her attention.

"Surely he raves!" she ejaculated with a shudder.

But then, as if relating his conduct to his father, he recapitulated a series of dark deeds that made the watcher at his side tremble. Eagerly did she listen, as if treasure every word, and long before the tale of crime was told, sinking on her knees, she implored divine pardon for the culprit—divine protection for the object of his plots.

Meanwhile Mr. Vernon had been warmly welcomed at the breakfast table by the officers.

"Look here," said Captain Trevor; "as a king's justice you have a right to marry people, and I think I must get you to do the job for me."

"And to whom?"

"That's a good one! Why, sir, Miss Maxwell is the only lady within a score of miles; and as she has promised to marry me within a week, I thought that I would bespeak your services."

"It will give me great pleasure to perform the ceremony for Miss Maxwell," replied Mr. Vernon, adding to himself: "but not to you, young popinjay. Then he asked, 'How about this rival of yours?'"

"Who?" eagerly inquired Trevor.

"This Loudon. I have information against him as a prominent rebel, and fear that I may be forced to send him to Charleston."

"But he is an officer," remarked Captain Foster; "a gallant fellow too, I think."

"Sorry for that," said Mr. Vernon; "but I have orders to try suspected persons, and he is on my list. Supposing that you send for him, and then should you dispatch a party across into Carolina for reinforcements, they can take him along, if he proves guilty, and I doubt not he will."

"Send him off," nonchalantly remarked Trevor, "and I will give you a horse, Mr. Justice. The fellow has made a regular fool of me, and I long to be rid of him."

"As I do of his trusty ally, Danforth, who I suppose is on his way here, Trevor," said Captain Foster, "with your recruits. But I will order a guard to bring this gentleman before us." Leaving the room, he returned in a moment, saying, "Now, Mr. Justice, prepare your court. The prisoner will soon be here."

A gleam of malignant satisfaction illuminated Mr. Vernon's countenance, but it was soon dissipated. A sergeant entered the room and, making the customary salute, said:

"Captain, we found the prisoner's door locked from the outside, but on opening it, the room was empty. I can assure you that there is no one in it."

"Confusion!" exclaimed Foster. "We may now expect to be attacked."

Mr. Vernon did not say a word, but with a look of deep disappointment and a frowning brow, he left the room and entered that occupied by the wounded son of Mr. Maxwell.

"He sleeps," said Aurora. "Had you not better see his father, and break this to him carefully?"

"Thank you for the suggestion," replied the lawyer, and she was again alone at the side of the sufferer's couch.

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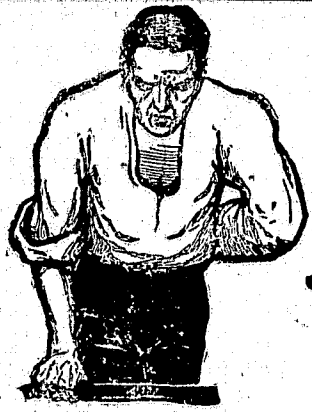
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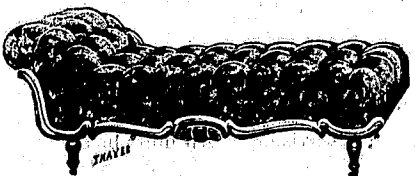
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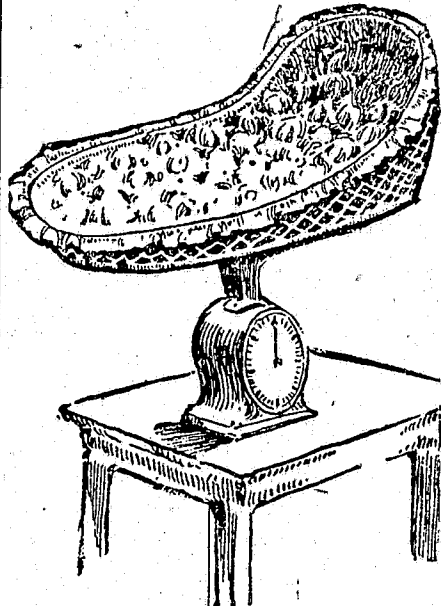
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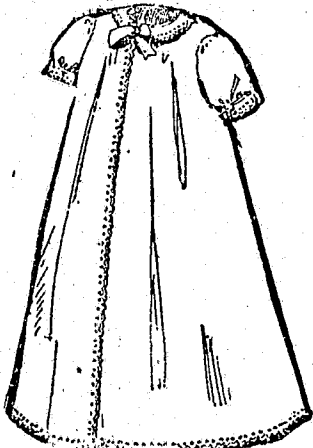
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cause she was not presented to the
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newel post. Little Mrs. Stirling felt
the concussion in the dining-room
where she was sullenly drinking her
third cup of coffee. If it had been an
ordinary morning, of course she would
have been in the hall to bid her hus-
band goodby.

As Stirling's receding footsteps
crunched the snow his wife wondered
if any one could drink enough coffee
to stupefy the brain and render re-
membrance. How could Bob be so
hateful, so unreasonable? The more
she thought of the things he had said
about her habit of wearing low shoes
in winter the more glad she felt that
she had told him that he was growing
bald. Then it was that Bob had begun
to be really angry and had said that
at 50 she would be as stout as her
aunt Margaret. She had retorted that
she would prefer that to being a lean
and hungry-looking as his uncle Bert-
ram. From that time each had in-
dulged in personalities and reflections
on the other's peculiarities and rela-
tives.

Little Mrs. Stirling decided to go
over to her mother's and ask how
angry and disillusioned married people
managed to live on in the same house
and keep up appearances. She and
Bob could never be friends again, but
she was resolved that she, at least,
would never let the world know of
their spiritual divorce.

Her mother listened to her story
and her question. "My dear child,
you and Bob will make it up when
he comes home to-night," she said,
"and the little quarrel of this morn-
ing will improve your appetites for
dinner."

"No, we won't. I can't forgive Bob
for insulting aunt Margaret and me,"
little Mrs. Stirling said, firmly.

"Well, you know that aunt Margaret
really is fat," her mother replied judi-
cially. "She would be the first to
admit it. And you do wear foolish
shoes. I quite agree with Bob on that
subject."

Mrs. Stirling found her mother of

so little comfort that she went to take
lunch with her dear friend, Bella.
Bella was very glad to see her, but
had to be excused in a little while be-
cause she was going downtown to
lunch with her husband.

I used to go downtown twice a week
to lunch with Bob," Mrs. Stirling said,
swallowing a sob.

"Don't you do it now?" Bella asked.

"No," with another sob which re-
fused to be swallowed. "We've quar-
reled and I'm only going to live with
him for appearances. We used to have
such nice lunches—broiled lobster and
sweetbreads—and now it's all over for
ever."

"O, fudge!" Bella said unsympathet-
ically. "You better come downtown
with me and go over to Bob's office
and he'll be glad to make up."

"No, he won't. I never realized what
a dreadful temper he had till he
slammed the door this morning so hard
that my teeth knocked together."

Bella went downtown and Mrs. Stir-
ling wandered about the neighborhood
making calls. She did not go home
to lunch. Gradually the flame of her
anger died down into the ashes of re-
gret.

A little later she took a car down
town. She made straight for Bob's
office. When she reached there the
office boy told her that Mr Stirling
had gone home an hour before.

She took a cab for home. After all,
she had been foolish about those
shoes. Perhaps Bob was packing his
clothes to leave forever. When she
reached home she ran wildly into the
drawing room and into Bob's arms.

"Where on earth have you been?"
he asked in the most commonplace
way. "I kept telephoning you all
morning to see if you wouldn't come
down to lunch and couldn't get you.
Then I came home early. I felt that I
was a bit cross this morning and—"

"Bob, dear, I was foolish about my
shoes, and, of course, aunt Margaret
is stout and it runs in the family and
I'll likely be—"

Bob laughed as he took off her fur
boa and drew her toward the radiator.
"I don't mind saying that uncle Bert-
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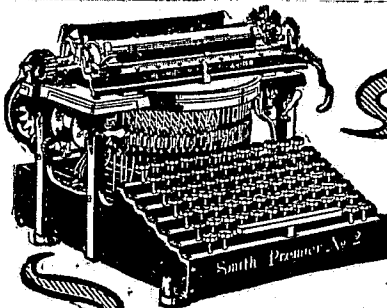
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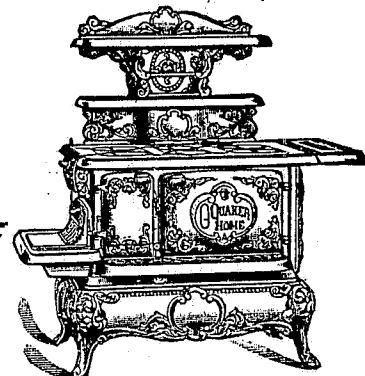
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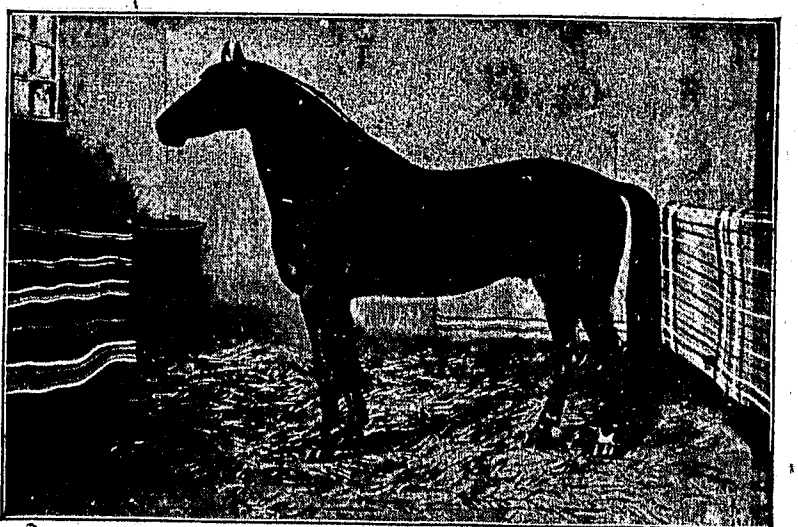
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NORWAY, MAINE.

EL SABLE, 28046,

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By Guy Wilkes 2:15 1/4, sire of 75 trotters and 12 pacers in 2:30 list. Dam Sable
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Farmers can't afford to breed for speed alone, and in breeding to El Sable, you
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Call and see for yourself. He is owned jointly by L. A. HALL, of Bethel and A.
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1904.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican voters of the County of Oxford, in the State of Maine, are requested to meet at the Court House at South Paris, on Friday the 1st day of July, A. D., 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county officers to be supported at the September election, to wit: Senator, Judge of Probate, Register of Probate, County Treasurer, County Attorney, one County Commissioner, and Sheriff. Also to choose a Republican County Committee for the years 1905 and 1906.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each town and plantation organized for election purposes will be entitled to one delegate, and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1902 an additional delegate and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 votes an additional delegate.

The Republican County Committee will be in session at the Court House at South Paris, at 9 o'clock on the morning of the convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention.

Per order Republican County Committee.

H. H. HASTINGS, Chairman.
ARTHUR E. FORBES, Secretary.
Dated at South Paris, Maine, May 9, 1904.

Under this call, the several towns and plantations in Oxford County will be entitled to the number of delegates given below:

Albany,	1	Norway,	4
Andover,	2	Oxford,	3
Bethel,	3	Paris,	5
Brownfield,	3	Peru,	1
Buckfield,	1	Porter,	2
Byron,	1	Rumford,	7
Canton,	3	Roxbury,	1
Denmark,	1	Stow,	1
Dixfield,	2	Stoneham,	2
Dryden,	3	Summer,	2
East,	1	Swamp,	1
Grafton,	1	Upton,	1
Grenwood,	1	Waterford,	2
Hanover,	1	Woodstock,	3
Hartford,	1	PLANTATIONS:	
Hebron,	1	Lincoln,	1
Hiram,	2	Magalloway,	1
Lovell,	2	Milton,	1
Mason,	1		
Mexico,	4		
Newry,	1	Total,	74

A Word for Our Entertainments.

The News has sometimes been accused of being generous in its praises of Bethel and Bethel people, and while it may have been quick to notice the things commendable, it has not always been blind to things objectionable.

We have some nuisances which should be corrected, and one of them is nearly always in evidence when an entertainment is given in Odeon Hall. It is quite frequently said, that Bethel is not a "show town," or to put it another way, our entertainments are not patronized as liberally as they are in most towns of Bethel's size. Barring a few exceptions, this is true and it is quite possible that there is a reason for it. There is a certain amount of disturbance in and about the hall during many of our entertainments which has become obnoxious to respectable people, and has a tendency to keep people away from good, clean, healthy entertainments which they would like to attend, and if these evils could be corrected, our entertainments on the whole would be more largely attended.

Whenever a local entertainment which is of special interest to the whole public is given, and it is anticipated that the hall will be well filled, the company is always a select one and things are perfect

ly orderly, but whenever any lesser affair is given, although it may be just as clean and deserving, there is pretty sure to be an element around the doors and in the rear of the room which give a black eye to the whole affair and make respectable people sorry they went. If the management of Odeon Hall would see the hall filled every time a good, clean entertainment is given, it should see to it that certain ones who have been lounging about the door or perching themselves on the backs of settees in the rear of the room and making themselves obnoxious, are either excluded entirely or are made to take their seats and keep quiet. Let them place an officer in charge of affairs and thus insure the public that respectability will prevail, and many more will joyfully attend all desirable entertainments. Suppose we have an officer their on the next occasion of an entertainment and have him see to it, that on the close of the entertainment the hallway is cleared and respectable people have an opportunity to pass out without elbowing their way through an objectional crowd at the door.

Oxford County Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention.

The seventeenth annual convention met in the Baptist church, May 17 and 18.

The beautiful spring day and the hospitality of the South Paris people was assurance of a hearty welcome, but the hearty address by Mrs. L. Rounds of South Paris, gave verbal testimony to the open hearts and homes which bade the "white ribboners" welcome. Mrs. Anna White of West Paris, responded for the guests. At 10:30 Mrs. Cotton of Norway, conducted the opening devotional service, and at its close the president, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, of Brownfield, took the chair and the convention was opened for business. The report of secretary, treasurer and roll-call and appointments of committees preceded the president's address which was a plain statement of the cause as it now stands. Perhaps never in its history has the W. C. T. U. had more urgent cause to be earnest and faithful to all for which it stands. Suggestions for lines of work for the coming year were made, and the summing up of the work for the past year was encouraging. An active Union has been formed at Rumford Center, and more effort for organization was urged.

Mrs. Virgie Wilson sang a solo which was much appreciated. The report of Mrs. Elizabeth Morton, superintendent of school temperance instruction, called forth quite a spirited debate as to methods and use of the best textbooks, and the State law which requires each teacher to give a certain amount of temperance instruction.

Noontide prayer by Mrs. Benjamin Sweet and adjournment. When the afternoon session opened and the minutes of the morning session had been read by the secretary, the executive committee were ready to report.

A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Esther Munson of Rumford Center, "Our Young Women in the Temperance Reform." Reports of superintendents and local presidents followed, and the routine of business was laid aside to listen to several inspiring songs by the children.

Tuesday evening is always the intellectual feast of the convention, and this year was no exception. Mrs. Howard Clifford led in the devotional exercises.

Rev. Dr. Brooks was the only pastor able to be present, but expressed words of commendation in regard to the work. Rev. Frank Britton, prominent in the Prohibition party, spoke a few words.

The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Callie Howe of Missouri. It was a most stirring address, and she met every argument ever put forth by the enemies of temperance and Prohibition with unanswerable logic. During the evening the music was rendered by a quartet, solos by Miss Jessie Tolman and Mrs. Lillian Smiley and an instru-

mental duet, organ and violin, by Ida and Grace Dean.

Rev. Abel Pottle pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday morning, devotional meeting was led by Mrs. E. W. Chandler of Bethel, and at 9:30 the convention was ready to take up business. The usual order was followed, and after the report of the committee on credentials, the convention proceeded to elect officers, all of whom were unanimously elected:

President—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield.

Vice President at large—Mrs. M. B. Chapman, Bethel.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. W. Chandler, Bethel.

Recording Secretary—Miss J. M. Brown, West Paris.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. M. Y. Clifford, Hiram.

A solo was rendered by Mrs. Louise Graham, Rumford Center.

Mrs. E. S. Cotton gave a most interesting and touching paper—"Our Children God's Gift."

At 11:45, a memorial service was held, conducted by Mrs. E. W. Chandler. The list of those who have entered the eternal city during the year, is, honorary member Mr. George H. Shirley, Brooklyn, member of Bethel Union, Mrs. Mary Swan, and Mrs. Addie Warner Bates, West Paris, Mrs. Cummings, Norway, Mrs. Benjamin Spaulding, Buckfield.

Miss Jessie Tolman rendered a solo, "Face to Face," in a sweet and tender manner.

Noontide prayer led by Mrs. Teresa Pottle.

At 1:30, the convention was opened for the closing session. Reports were finished. The committee on resolutions reported and the resolutions were accepted by the convention. They re-affirm the principles of the Union, reassert belief in Prohibition, oppose any effort to change the law, unless to make it stronger, emphasize the effort to maintain the sanctity of the home, and thanking all for courtesies extended—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Mrs. E. S. Cotton and Mrs. Addie Danforth, committee on resolutions.

Rev. E. S. Cotton, Rev. Mr. Little, Rev. Mrs. Sprague of Aroostook county, Mrs. Quimby of Turner, Arthur Forbes of the Democrat, and several others brought greetings and encouragement.

The ladies showed themselves most generous entertainers, and the hour for dinner in the vestry was most enjoyable and social.

Mrs. Penfold as accompanist and the soloists, and other musical talent were most generous in their help and the pleasure they afforded.

The convention of 1904 will be a pleasant memory and an inspiration for the work for the year.

The Bethel Union extended an invitation to the Union to meet with them, May, 1905.

EMMA WOODBURY CHANDLER.

Headquarters W. R. C., Auxiliary to the G. A. R., Troy, Ohio, 1904.

Memorial Day is approaching, that day sacred to tender memories and the sweetest associations of heart and mind.

Year by year and day by day, the mighty roll is lengthening, recording the muster-out of the untold thousands who have served on land and sea to preserve the Union intact and the flag unsullied, with every star in place.

All this gives an added solemnity to the observances of the sacred day and should admonish every woman who wears the badge of the Woman's Relief Corps to be up and doing that proper honor may be shown the memory of one and all. In the great National Cemeteries, in the beautiful cities of the dead which surround our towns and cities, civic pride and taste have beautified and adorned the grounds; but it remains for those whose hearts once beat in unison with those who are gone and who cherish their deeds as the nation's richest legacy, to find out every hero's grave and place above it the flag he loved so well, that it may be told as a memorial of him.

But in the village grave yard and in lonely and neglected places how many are the graves, unmarked and weed-grown, waiting the watchful eye and tender hands of the patriotic women to wrest from obscurity and deck with evergreens and flowers.

In our Beneficent Woman's Relief Corps the ways are well marked

ed through each subordinate-body and every member thereof may work effectively in helping the Grand Army of the Republic and swelling the funds for a complete observance of the day. Corps Presidents, on reading this order should call special attention to this and admonish the committees and members to take steps necessary to the full performance of their obligations and duties. Let no call go unheeded, no duty be overlooked. Keep Memorial Sunday and attend services with your Posts; contribute to the fund for the observance of Memorial Day in the South; remember the graves of the unknown dead and those who perished beneath the ocean waves.

Martial the boys and the girls into flower brigades; array the little children laden with fragrant blossoms and glad with patriotic song—set apart the season to FRATERNAL LOVE and awaken the spirit in the communities in which you live.

There is no higher, sweeter, holier, nobler service. Let us show by our deeds that we still cherish the vows the nation made our heroes, when returning scarred and crippled and with thinned ranks, from an hundred battles on land and sea following their tattered banners we said:

"O, tried and true, who live to rise and rally,
O, tried and true, who sleep so well by storied stream and valley,
We bind this debt upon our hearts,
Which time cannot dissolve,
To guard your name and shield your fame,
Forever and forever."

By Command of
SARAH D. WINANS,
National President.

Whooping Cough.

"In the spring of 1901 my children had whooping cough," says Mrs. D. W. Capps, of Capps, Ala. "I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with the most satisfactory results. I think this is the best remedy I have ever used for whooping cough." This remedy keeps the cough loose, lessens the severity and frequency of the coughing spells and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia.

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M. E. Church Notes.

Owing to the holding of the Memorial and Baccalaureate services next Sabbath, there will be no Sunday School session at this church on that day. The usual evening services will be held at 7:30; the pastor will speak on the "Moral Conditions of the Nation," as observed during his recent journey. The address will be appropriate to the sentiment of the day and will be especially directed to the present day soldiers of the Cross. The text will be Eph. 6:12.

On Sabbath morning June 5, Holy Communion will be administered. Will all our people please try to be present at this service and make it a service of consecration for the year's work.

Children's Day will be observed the third Sabbath of June.

The Junior League work will be resumed next Saturday at 2:30 p. m. The pastor desires to meet all the children at that hour, in the vestry; a souvenir from the Pacific coast will be given to each child present.

Services at Mason church will be held Sunday afternoon, June 5.

The pastor desires to announce that his "home" evenings will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for the present and that he will be glad to receive callers on all days except Saturdays. Saturdays will be reserved for rest and preparation for the Sabbath. Urgent cases will, however, receive attention at all times.

Cabinet meeting of the new Epworth League officers will be held at the parsonage Thursday evening May 25. Important business demands the presence of all. The Lewiston District Epworth League Convention is to be held at Bethel July 6 and 7, with a fine program.

A Bethel Woman Asks
"Have you a floor, paint that will last two weeks?" Yes we have Devco's; it has a beautiful gloss and will wear two years if properly applied.
G. R. WILEY.

News' Excursion

TO THE

St. Louis Exposition

AND

NIAGARA FALLS

Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

	Votes.
1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count.....	1
2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count.....	100
3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count.....	40
4. Each dollar paid on arrears by present subscribers will count.....	25
5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count.....	50
6. Each dollar for new advertising, secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count.....	25
7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count.....	25

CONDITIONS.

- Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.
1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come in under another name in the same family.
3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrearage and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present advertisers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.

One Vote For

Address

Ayer

When the nerves are everything goes wrong are tired all the time, discouraged, nervous, irritable. Your cheeks

Sarsaparilla

pale and your blood is Your doctor says you are threatened with a nervous breakdown. He orders grand old family medicine

"For more than 50 years I have used Sarsaparilla in my family. It is a great at all times, and a wonderful medicine for blood."—D. C. Holt, West Haven, Conn.

Weak Nery

Keep the bowels regular with Pills, just one pill each

WEST BETHEL

All the Latest News from Neighbors.

Beautiful weather for the soil.

Those who own teams doing all the work they can fair weather.

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Those who own teams are having all the work they can do in fair weather.

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SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Mrs. L. M. Lunt has taken a rent in the Maxim block over her store.

Rev. A. W. Pottle and wife of Lisbon Falls, are visiting friends here for a few days.

Rev. G. W. Hinkley of Good Will Farm, preached at the Baptist church Sunday.

Eva F. Swett fell Saturday, and dislocated her knee cap.

Mrs. P. D. Higgins who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. M. Shaw, has returned to her home in Costigan.

Rev. H. S. Pinkham came here from Somerville, Mass., Monday, and with a party from here is on a fishing trip to Howard Pond.

Late reports from Hobart Kenney, the young fireman on the Norway branch, who suffered the amputation of his foot as the result of the engine running over indicate that he is getting along nicely.

S. R. Bearce and niece, Eva De Costa have been guests at Judge Wilson's for a few days.

Nearly all of our teachers attended the County Teachers' Convention at Oxford Friday and Saturday. Besides the usual speakers from local schools, there were present State Superintendent W. W. Stetson, Prof. Roberts of Colby college, Supt. Payson Smith of Auburn, and Principal W. L. Powers of Gardiner. One of the most prominent features of the convention was a display of work in designing done by the pupils in the brick building at South Paris under the direction of Miss Iva McArdle. Miss McArdle's paper on "Practical Possibilities of Drawing in Oxford County Schools," was highly complimented and won the approval of all the principal speakers. This paper will appear in the columns of a prominent teachers' journal within a few months. Prof. Henry G. Clement of Paris High presented a valuable discussion of the question, "How can a Teacher Best Influence the Home Reading of the Pupils." Supt. Alton C. Wheeler responded to the address of welcome in behalf of the county.

At the Congregational church last Wednesday evening, occurred the wedding of one of South Paris' popular and talented young ladies, Mertie Belle, daughter of Mr. Franklin Maxim, and John P. Sprague of Chicago, Ill. Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., performed the ceremony. Besides the many friends in this town present, there were from out of town, Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Lewiston, Mrs. Sprague, mother of the groom, of Sprague's Mills, and his two brothers, Dora Shaw of Houlton, Nellie Smith and Martha Maxim of Boston. A host of useful and valuable presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. Sprague.

Cured his Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years with rheumatism," says W. H. Howard, of Husband, Pa. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with."

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NEWRY.

W. N. Powers is gaining and hopes to be able to work in his shop soon.

A. H. Powers has potatoes up and looking fine.

Hollis Coolidge is working for M. L. Thurston.

Mrs. W. F. Small is going to Portland this week to see her mother and sister who have arrived there from St. Louis.

Fred Bartlett and wife were at A. H. L. Powers' last Sunday.

Clifton F. Jeter of Bethel, visited his mother Sunday.

H. S. Hastings planted potatoes for C. H. L. Powers, last week.

SHYLOCK

Shylock was the man who wanted a pound of human flesh. There are many Shylocks now, the convalescent, the consumptive, the sickly child, the pale young woman, all want human flesh and they can get it—take Scott's Emulsion.

Scott's Emulsion is flesh and blood, bone and muscle. It feeds the nerves, strengthens the digestive organs and they feed the whole body.

For nearly thirty years Scott's Emulsion has been the great giver of human flesh.

We will send you a couple of ounces free.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York. Soc. and \$1.00; all druggists.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

C. W. Willey of Bethel, has been visiting friends at Grover's Corner.

Mrs. Inman and family have moved back to Walker's Mills, also her son Harry and family.

Mrs. Belle McNally with her children spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. N. C. Moore.

Mrs. Geneva Valentine of West Bethel, visited her mother recently.

Geo. Conner and Dick Lawrence moved the Briggs boys to Paris, where they have bought a stand. We are sorry to lose our town's people.

Andrew Stiles of Norway, was in town recently.

F. G. Sloan and daughter Gertie were riding down Schoolhouse, hill Saturday evening, when the forward axle broke, upsetting them. No serious injuries were received.

R. M. Grange held memorial services Saturday. They will decorate the patrons' graves the 30th.

Uncle William Chase and his sister, Mrs. Adelia Kimball gave a party to their neighbors on the evening of the 21st. Between fifty and sixty assembled to enjoy the hospitality extended. Dainty refreshments consisting of candy, ice cream and cake were served.

They were assisted in entertaining by A. A. Bruce and wife. The host and hostess are both past seventy-five years of age, but Time "gently rolled backward" and no one would think of calling them "old," as they dispensed their delightful hospitality. All join in wishing them many happy years of prosperity and health.

Alonso Tyler is moving to his farm in Waterford.

Miss Estella Bean and Sewall Pingree visited at Harry Sawin's at North Waterford last Sunday.

No Gloss Carriage Paint Made will wear as long as Devoe's. No others are as heavy bodied, because Devoe's weigh 3 to 8 ounces more to the pint. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

GRAFTON.

C. T. Parker is home from Newry, where he has been working for W. W. Kilgore.

Miss Myrtle Brooks who is teaching school at Byron, and P. W. Learned were at A. F. Brooks recently.

Mr. Willard Pratt and Miss Carrie Brooks attended a dance at R. W. Kilgore's last week.

Bert Littlefield and John Lewis were in town last week, with their usual line of goods.

Henry Learned of Andover, will drive the team of A. F. Brooks hauling spool stock to Bethel from W. W. Kilgore's mill at Newry.

Sick headache results from a disordered stomach and is quickly cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

GILEAD.

Mrs. Josiah Heath who has been very ill, is more comfortable.

Mrs. Harden who has been critically ill, is convalescing.

Will Dyer has moved his family into the late A. B. Lary house.

The road machine has been doing good work on the south side of the river.

M. R. Bennett badly jammed one of his fingers between two rocks while working on the road recently.

E. R. Bennett has been having his house painted.

A caucus was held, Saturday, to elect State and county officers to attend the conventions.

Miss Ethel Hastings of Newry, has been in town the past week.

Miss Edna Wight, one of Gilead's smart young girls, tapped thirty-five trees and from forty-five buckets of sap she made ten gallons of syrup and sold three gallons for which she received three dollars.

The church is to be closed for three Sundays.

Butterflies of the Backyard.

Many strange things have come out of Brooklyn, but as a breeding place for butterflies the backyards of the Borough of Homes have not come into prominence until recently. At a recent meeting of the American Entomological Society a member reported that it only took him a little while to produce, apparently out of nothing, more than forty species of lepidoptera—that is the name by which the butterfly is distinguished in scientific gatherings.

"I never saw a butterfly fitting about my home in Brooklyn in my life," said the scientist, "but as soon as I planted things in my backyard the lepidoptera began to generate. Why, a common variety of thistle was covered with the young before it had been growing more than a few weeks."

It appears that there is much discussion among learned men as to where lepidoptera come from, any way. Not a man at the society's meeting could solve the riddle of how the species found a means of transit into a Brooklyn backyard. The owner of the yard told how he planted various weeds, and on all of them the young of the butterfly put in an appearance. The varieties were so plentiful that any backyard proprietor with the proper facilities for raising the young could succeed in making a fine collection without ever moving a hundred feet away from his fireside.—New York Times.

GROVER HILL.

Fruit trees are abundantly laden with blossoms.

Frank Powers and family are now occupying Edwin Smith's farm.

The rainy season has considerably retarded farm work.

Rain prevented some people from attending the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rolfe last Wednesday evening.

Marshall and Leslie Whitman of Greenwood were in town recently.

W. M. Browne visited relatives in Waterford a few days last week.

We are glad to learn that Pearl Whitman is convalescing from his recent illness.

A. B. Grover has sold his young horse Rex to Mr. E. C. Rowe.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on every bottle.

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I shall for the next two weeks, trim all hats FREE OF CHARGE for those buying hat and trimmings at my store. This week we can show you a new and fresh supply of

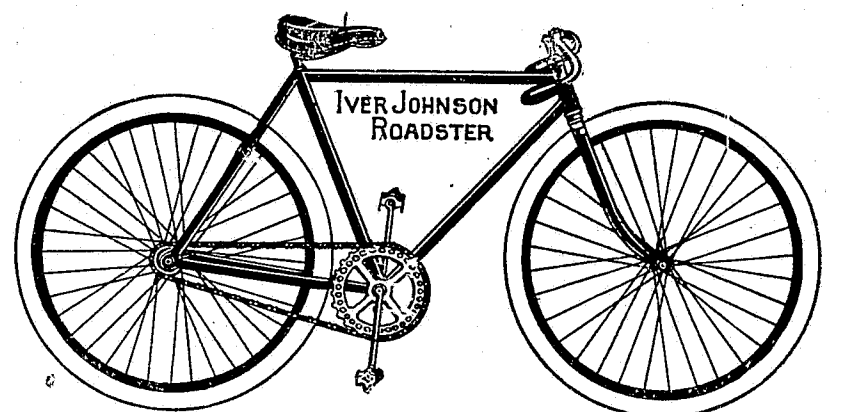
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To the Public.

I desire to inform the public that I have purchased the CALVIN BISBEE STORE, in Bethel, and shall continue the same line of business as was carried on by Mr. Bisbee. I assure all that I shall endeavor to maintain the reputation of this store as far as is possible for me to do so, and I earnestly invite my share of the public trade.

Clarence K. Fox, Bethel, Me.

FOOD FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The more natural diet is more palatable, invigorating and strengthening to body and mind—right to the contrary with unnatural, improperly prepared food, which stunts the growth, dwarfs the mind, causes a lack of will power and steadiness of nerve. No doubt that fifty per cent of the failures in life can be traced to improper diet when young.

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The Mother of Presidents.

When President Roosevelt went down to Charlottesville last June to attend the commencement exercises he was much amused at a remark made by Judge R. T. W. Duke the master of ceremonies, and toastmaster at the banquet. Judge Duke is a brilliant lawyer and raconteur, and is a member of the family which has long been distinguished in the annals of Virginia and Kentucky. Secretary Loeb had previously written the Judge very fully regarding the arrangements to be made for the entertainment of the President, giving directions as to the length of the stirrup leathers he would use for the ride to Monticello, the home of Jefferson; who would be expected to ride with the President, and how far in the rear the rest of the party must ride. Judge Duke took every opportunity to tease Mr. Loeb about the minuteness of the instructions he had given, and, just before the ride to Monticello was begun, discussing the orders about the length of the stirrup straps, said; "You forget, Loeb, that we are used to Presidents down here. George Washington used to live over on the Potomac. Mr. Jefferson's home was yonder on the hill, James Monroe lived in that house down the street, and James Madison lived at Montpelier in Orange County, almost in sight."

Mr. Roosevelt was in the act of mounting as Judge Duke thus delivered himself, and after he got on his horse he continued to laugh at the blunt Virginian, who had just shown himself the most polished of orators and gentlemen as he presided in the banquet hall.

There recently died in Charlottesville, at the great age of ninety-three years and four months, a Mr. Maury, who had distinct recollections of Mr. Jefferson, who died in 1826, when Mr. Maury was a boy fifteen years of age.

Mr. Maury used often to relate a story he had frequently heard his father tell, which illustrates the simplicity of manners in the early part of the last century.

While James Monroe was President of the United States he went down to Charlottesville, and there he met James Madison who had ridden into town from Montpelier, twenty miles away, and was the guest of Mr. Jefferson. The two ex-Presidents and President Monroe went up to inspect the buildings Mr. Jefferson was then having erected for the University of Virginia. The three gentlemen were walking arm-in-arm along the street on their way back from what was to be the university, when they chanced to meet Mr. Reuben Maury, the father of the old gentleman who died last month. Mr. Maury was at that time president of the Opossum Club, a social organization composed of the gentlemen of Charlottesville and the surrounding country, and which included Mr. Jefferson in its membership. Mr. Maury was acquainted with all three of the distinguished gentlemen, and after they had talked together for a moment Mr. Jefferson remarked:

"Well, Maury, here are two ex-Presidents of the United States and the President; I think if we had about one more president we might all take a toddy."

"Do you forget, Mr. Jefferson," said Mr. Maury, "that I am president of the Opossum Club."

"Why, to be sure," responded Mr. Jefferson, joining in the laugh with the others. "We have a quorum."

And the two Presidents and the two ex-Presidents went down the street to the neighboring tavern.—Saturday Evening Post.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at last one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages. That is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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White ostrich feathers lose all their beauty if the least bit soiled or bedraggled.

Make a lather of pure soap with a little ammonia in it, using about a quart of water or more if the feathers are very large. Move them to and fro gently in this, then lightly press them from stem to tip between the thumb and finger, and do the same in an equal amount of clear hot water. Then repeat it in one of cold water slightly tinted with blue. Hang them up to dry where there is a draught, and shake at intervals; before quite dry gently shake them before a gas stove, or they can be partially dried by steam over a pan of quick boiling water, and finished as directed. Comb them carefully and curl any stray strands with a silver knife.

Wisdom's Whispers.
A man knows how to make excuses with success.
When a woman can't have her own way she shows her displeasure.
No man who tells fancy stories has no idea of the value of time.
Some women have an odd way of showing affection for a man.
To the industrious man holidays come in the nature of toil.
A woman likes to feel that her social movements are worth noticing.
Some men carry their business into all their dealing with others.
Men of good standing pay close attention to correct correspondence.

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"L. F." Relieves and Strengthens Stomach, Bowels, Liver and Kidneys. The More "L. F." the Less Sickness.

"I have received such great benefit from the 'L. F.' Ayer's Bitters that I want to tell about it. I am positive that if people would take more of the True 'L. F.' for general debility and building up of the system there would be less sickness and fewer doctor's bills. You may use this statement if you see fit."
—James H. Burbank, Clerk and Treasurer, Chesterville, Me.

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WIT AND WISDOM.

Archie—What are you ordering corned beef and cabbage for, if you don't like the stuff?

Reggie—Baw Jove, that's what the millionaires in our club always order, and one doesn't like to appear singular, don't you know.

When doctors fail try Burdock Blood Bitters. Cures dyspepsia, constipation; invigorates the whole system.

Mrs. Bullitt—Tell me again, darling, the story of your facing the foe fearlessly before Santiago.

Major Bullitt—But you must be tired of hearing it.

Mrs. Bullitt—Oh, no. It will nerve me to go down and face the cook.

Takes the burn out; heals the wound; cures the pain. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, the household remedy.

Young Husband—Still sitting up, dear? You shouldn't have waited for me. I was detained down town by important business, and—

Young wife—Try some other excuse, George. That's the kind father used to make.

The Keeley Institute in Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, is successfully curing drunkards and drug users. ly3

New boarder (complainingly)—I can't eat this steak, madam.

Mrs. Slimdick (accommodatingly)—You will find an excellent dentist, Dr. Moore, right opposite.

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Mrs. Tufty—Didn't Mrs. Green leave her card?

The New Maid—Yes'm she left it, an' I had to chase her two blocks to give it back to her.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

"Excuse me," said the Eastern young man who wanted to advertise for a wife, "but does your paper run a 'personal' column?"
"Does it?" drawled the fighting editor of the Wildcat News, "Why, we run a column in which we call a man anything from a thief to a liar, and we are not afraid to print his name, either."

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"You don't mean to say you girls have started a secret society?"
"Yes, it's a society whose members pledge themselves to tell all the secrets they know."

SIAM'S SUGGESTION FOR A WESTERN WARDROBE.

Color Devoted to Every Day in the Week—A New Kink in Sleeves—Nun's Folds and Flounces for the Fashionable Skirt.

Something on the order of the banished "pink tea," only done in costumes instead of soups and sauces and table decorations, is suggested to a writer in Na Nouvelle Mode by a custom of the Orient.

"The women of the Siamese Court show better taste and greater sense in the matter of dress than any other in the world," she says. "They adopt one color for each day in the week, and the ladies throughout the kingdom follow their example. On Sunday, for instance, they are clothed in purple, with rubies for their ornaments; Monday finds them garbed in silver and gray and pearls; Tuesday is the day for red with coral ornaments; Wednesday they wear green with emeralds; Thursday is the day for wearing soft brown silk with cat's eye jewels; Friday finds them all clad in snowy garments with diamond ornaments; Saturday is the day for pale blue and sapphires. A gathering of fair Siamese all gowned alike must be a very impressive affair, though this uniformity might not be so successful in other lands. Of course, we may have had our 'diners de couleur,' here and in the new world, at which one color has prevailed; the dinner-set, napkins, candle shades, flowers, dessert, all carried out in the same tint; it is an amusing 'fantastic,' sometimes making an exceedingly artistic and pretty scene. I do not see why the same idea should not be carried out in our toilets for some entertainments; it is an idea worthy of consideration if not execution. I give it for what it is worth, and leave it to be exploited by—a genius!" Since the chief attraction of a fashionable assemblage is the varied colors of costumes and jewels, the fad of Siamese ladies will probably never have an extended vogue in Western lands.

Flounces and wide tucks placed far apart on skirts are about equally popular. The inside tucks have the look of folds, and are known to the tailor, in fact, as nun's folds. The costume is of a soft cloth in one of the new mixtures which blend blue and gray in a knotted and flecked effect. The round yoke and stock, cut in one, are of embroidery.

There is little, if anything, that is new now in either coats or skirts. Coats are long or short, but as a rule the former are part of walking costumes and the latter of elaborate toilets.

The shadow for the substance seems to be the inevitable fate of many popular styles. For instance, the flowing sleeve is now frequently found to be one only in effect. Where this is the case the sleeve flares, to a point just below the elbow, from where it widens into an undersleeve effect, finishing with a wristband. This part of the sleeve is made of lace in alternate bands of or silk or velvet or lace.

Chloroform to Force Flowers.
Experiments have been made recently by several horticulturists in England and on the Continent in the use of ether for forcing flowering plants. According to The Lancet of the valley, azaleas, deutzias and lilacs have shown themselves susceptible to ether or chloroform, and M. Leblanc has reported to the Societe Centrale d'Horticulture de Nancy his success in experiments with the latter drug. On February 19 last he chloroformed some plants of azalea mollis, giving them about half the quantity he would have used had it been ether, and exposing them to the action of the vapor about forty-eight hours. They were at once removed to a green house at a temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit. From March 5 the flowers began to expand a little, and attained about to their full dimensions on the 8th, where as plants grown for comparison were not expanded until March 21. The chambers in which the vapors are set free should be large and absolutely airtight, and all manipulation must be by day, since the approximation of a light if air had gained access to the interior is liable to be followed by violent explosion, which may occasion great destruction of property, and possibly loss of life. The economy of fuel effected by this method of forcing, which can be done at either a high or low temperature, is considerable, and covers the cost of etherification.

Whooping Cough.

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Many gowns which would not pay for storage as a whole can be rapped up to advantage. Select the best parts of the cloth, clean and press and roll away for a winter blouse.

Lace should be cleaned and laid away in tissue paper. Silks, satins and ribbons should be rolled, and passementeries and appliques should be dusted, bits of thread removed, and the trimming rolled neatly in boxes or in tissue paper.

The same procedure should be adopted for millinery. An old shape may be thrown away, but its velvet covering can be brushed, steamed and saved for a new shape. Feathers should be put away in boxes and sprinkled with lavender. Heavy silk waists should be stuffed with paper and packed singly in flat boxes.

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Starting with the underwear, all flannels must be washed with more than ordinary care, as the oil from the skin is particularly attractive to moths. For the same reason the housewife should insist upon having the woollens rinsed thoroughly, as moths look with favor upon the oils used in strong soap. Wrap in small, flat bundles and mark legibly.

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is exactly what dealers do with furs consigned to their care.

After being beaten carefully, cleaned, aired and wrapped, the furs are sent direct to a cold storage plant. The explanation is simple. Moths generate in a hot atmosphere, but they cannot move or increase in extreme cold.

The woman who values her furs, yet cannot afford cold storage, should air and clean them thoroughly, and examine them with extreme care. Tails seem the favorite nesting place for moths, so the tails of the muff, boa or stole should have special attention.

The more valuable the fur the more danger from moths. For instance, Russian sables cannot be mended, and in four weeks a single moth can ruin, by the help of rapidly increasing generations, an entire sable garment.

Dyed skins are comparatively safe from moth invasions, because the acids employed in dyeing are poisonous. For example the seal-skin, the moth eats only in spots that is, where there is least acid; in natural furs it eats straight through the garments.

Moths hatch in March and their work goes on merrily during the warm weather. A moth may lie dormant in cold storage for six months, and then when the infected garment is exposed to warm air once more it promptly begins to burrow its obnoxious way.

It is a mistake to suppose that keeping out of the air is a safeguard for furs. Far better is it to take out the furs once in a fortnight and look them over. In so short a time as a fortnight an ordinary moth can work irretrievable damage.

This fact was illustrated by the experience of a New Yorker who brought a family heirloom to a local furrier for remodeling. It was a sable garment, which had descended to the New Yorker from an English relative, and was valued at \$6,000.

Before sailing the owner had the fur piece packed by a London firm and hermetically sealed. Three months later she drove to the New York furrier shop and watched with kindling eyes, the opening of her ancestral treasure.

The sealing was broken, the furrier opened the tar paper lining thrust in his hand, and drew out—a handful of furry fragments.

The sable was in shreds. Half a dozen moths perhaps only one or two, had been left in the sables, and secured in their hermetically sealed home had done their little worst. Not so much as a solid square of two inches remained.

Cleanliness is the saving grace of furs and the housewife who cannot afford the care of experts should pack her furs where they are accessible, clean them thoroughly, and examine them at regular intervals—Ex.

NORTH ALBANY.

C. P. Pingree was in Bridgton and Harrison one day recently.

Ed. Mason and wife visited his sister Mrs. Phile Saunders last week at North Waterford.

Olla Emery is at home.

Josiah Kimball of Stark, N. H., is visiting relatives in this place.

Louisa Bennett has returned from Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rolfe held their wedding reception at Geo. Rolfe's last Wednesday evening.

Indigestion Causes Catarrh of the Stomach.

For many years it has been supposed that Catarrh of the Stomach caused indigestion and dyspepsia, but the truth is exactly the opposite. Indigestion causes catarrh. Repeated attacks of indigestion inflame the mucous membranes lining the stomach and expose the nerves of the stomach, thus causing the glands to secrete mucus instead of the juices of natural digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach.

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BERLIN, N. H.

Mrs. Laville Paine spent Sunday the 15th, at West Paris, Me.

Mrs. Anthony Smith visited her son in Rumford Falls, Me., recently.

Mrs. W. F. Andrus of Littleton, formerly of this city, was in the city looking after her property in town, recently.

J. C. Ames who recently sold his business on Exchange street and purchased a house on Second avenue, is preparing to build a stable near by.

A. H. Eastman was in Bryant's Pond and South Paris last week.

Owing to the Teachers' convention held at Gorham last Wednesday, the public schools were not in session.

The Universalist circle will be entertained on Thursday May 26, at the home of Mrs. D. S. Paine, 151 Church street.

The ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Fortin died of appendicitis at their home in the Cote block on Main street last Wednesday afternoon.

Landlord Farwell is having a broad piazza built along the entire front of the Berlin House which adds much to the appearance and comfort of the house.

Several from this city attended the concert given by Miss Grace H. Bass in Gorham Wednesday evening.

Dr. H. Hussey and wife have returned from a several weeks' trip through central Vermont.

Saved 5 Cents and Lost 30.

A big mill-owner, Spartansburg, S. C., wanted 5,000 gallons of paint, and bought by price; paid 5 cents less than Devoe; got a "lead-and-zinc" paint; but the lead was sulphate of lead, not carbonate. Sulphate costs about half; and covers about half.

That paint was adulterated about six times as much as the 5 cents paid for. He "saved" 5 cents and it cost him 30.

Oh no; it cost him more than that; he forgot the labor. Can't work it out exactly; don't know how long it'll wear.

Short-measure besides; that alone was twice as much as his "saving" 5 cents.

It was thin, too; some loss there; don't know how much.

There was too much dryer in it. The maker made something on that; he didn't.

Taking it altogether, he didn't make much by that 5 cents.

Go by the name; and the name is Devoe lead-and-zinc.

G. R. WILEY.

NORWAY.

Mrs. Fred M. Davis came Saturday the 14th for a stay with her parents, George H. Bennett and wife.

On Memorial Day, Company D will act as escort to the Grand Army to the cemeteries. Following this, at eleven o'clock, will be another shooting match between Company D and the Miles Standish Rifle Club of Portland, ten men constituting each team. The Ladies Aid association will serve a dinner to Company D and their guests.

Belle Winslow and sister, Mrs. E. C. Winslow of Norway, have opened the Winslow home for the summer. They have had a telephone put in.

M. L. Kimball, Wm. A. Lewis, and A. L. Sanborn attended the session of the Pythian Grand lodge of Maine in Portland, Wednesday.

Mrs. Victor M. Whitman of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Dinsmore.

Lucy M. Bayes returned to her teaching in the lower primary school last week.

M. L. Kimball was elected Vice Chancellor of the Pythian Grand Lodge of Maine at its session Wednesday in Portland.

Judge Chas. F. Whitman is to deliver the Memorial Day address before Geo. F. Leppell Post G. A. R., at East Stoneham this year.

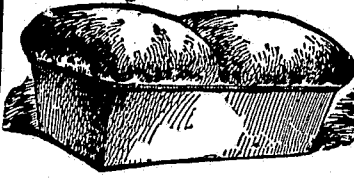
Rev. B. S. Rideout gave a lecture Thursday evening in the High school room on his Washington trip.

Hobart Kenney, the young fireman on the Norway branch, who suffered the amputation of his foot last week, as the result of the engine running over his foot, is getting along nicely. His father, J. A. Kenney, is quite sick.



Morning, Noon and Night

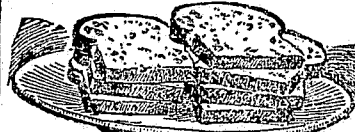
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But don't be misled into picking a fight with either of our small bears, unless you are well armed, for the black or the brown bear (one and the same animal under variations of pelage) will fight ferociously when cornered. You will come upon them, too, in the most unexpected place; not even the wilful jacksnipe can beat a brown bear in variability of moods or choice of feeding ground. Travelling in the mountains one is apt to come upon Sir Bruin drinking from a little wayside stream, and the very next day having descended into the foothills, find possibly a pair playing about some poorly guarded sheep camp.

Good natured as is either of these smaller bears, which weigh from 400 to 500 pounds apiece, it is best to know how to hunt them before attempting it. As with most big game, the best way to hunt them for sport is alone, armed with a reliable rifle and a good knife, though there is seldom occasion for using the latter if the hunter keeps cool. If one is hunting for hides, or to rid a section of undesirable bear neighbors, a well trained little dog is probably the best ally. Fox terriers usually are best, as they are quite resourceful and brave to a degree. A little dog brought up in a good bear country, where he has roamed the hills all his life, has had the best training possible, and is a prize to be taken care of.

As has been said, a black or brown bear seldom keeps one address long, but likely most of them just now are down among the oaks, where the fallen acorns afford them an easy living. There are possibly a good many along the willow fringes of the larger water courses, but once let the bear get first sight of you there, and he will make off into a tangle of elder scrub, willow underbrush and blackberry vines, in which you and your dogs will last about three minutes.

If a bear could be persuaded to play football, he would make the swiftest line backer ever on a gridiron, judging by the way he goes through a tangle of undergrowth, and the way a bear of any species will attend to a dog that dares to follow him alone into such a retreat is certainly scandalous.

One of the greatest blessings as modest man can wish for is a good reliable set of bowels. If you are not the happy possessor of such an outfit you can greatly improve the efficiency of those you have by the judicious use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are pleasant to take and agreeable in effect.

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House, stable, two lots and a garden, situated on Bridge street in Bethel village. House consists of eight finished rooms and summer kitchen. Good water and a splendid cellar. Apply at once to T. B. KENDALL, Bethel, Maine.

WANTED—American women between 18 and 30 years of age to work as attendants in the Medfield Insane Asylum at Medfield Junction, Mass., 20 miles from Boston. Wages increase with length of service. An opportunity to become a trained nurse. Address, Dr. EDWARD FRENCH, Medfield, Mass.

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Wanted.

Wanted: Boy to learn bicycle repairing. EDW. KING, Bethel, Maine.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of June, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

DEBORAH H. NEWHALL, late of Andover, deceased, petition for order to distribute her real estate presented by Elizabeth H. Spofford, Guardian.

MOSES MASON, late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by Angella M. Clark, the Executrix therein named.

JOSEPH L. SPOFFORD, ward of Milton Plantation, petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Ellsworth H. Spofford, Guardian.

NATHANIEL BEAN, late of Brownfield, deceased, second and final account presented for allowance by Eli B. Bean, Administrator.

MARY F. ORDWAY, late of Bethel, deceased, first account presented for allowance by Ella M. Fernald, Administrator.

LUCY F. DOUGHTY, late of Milton Plantation, deceased, petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by James M. Day, Administrator.

JACOB ANNAS, late of Bethel, deceased, first account presented for allowance by Angeline R. Annas, Executrix.

FRANKLIN M. DREW, Judge of the Andover probate Court. Acting in Interchange. ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our thanks to all the donors for the Maybasket which was left at our door, which contained many useful things; some to strengthen the body, and some to add brightness to our pathway and cheer us on. May Heaven's choicest blessings rest on them all.

CADDY A. GROVER.
KATE A. GROVER.

FIGHT OVER AN OLD SHOTGUN.

Relic of Fight That Took Place a Hundred Years Ago.

A legal controversy for the possession of an ancient double-barreled flint-lock shotgun is in prospect in Duluth, Minn.

The gun was owned, and is still claimed, by Roy McKenzie, once famous as Duluth's giant policeman, he being seven feet one and a half inches tall; but Terry & Paine dispute his claim to the gun. The gun had lain at the bottom of the Rainy River, at the foot of the falls at Fort Frances, for more than one hundred years. It was lost with many other guns of the same kind, and many lives were sacrificed during a desperate fight at Fort Frances, about 1800, between employees of rival companies—the Hudson Bay and the American Fur Companies. The story of the battle is almost a tradition now, though some records relating to it were destroyed at the time the Hudson Bay post at Fort Frances was burned a year ago.

Two of the guns were recovered recently, and one was presented to Mr. McKenzie. The stock is so rotten that it may be picked to pieces with the fingers. When Terry & Paine made Mr. McKenzie an offer for his place of business in Duluth he accepted, and forgot about the gun which was displayed in the front window. He now claims the gun, and Terry & Paine declare that it is theirs, and that they, too, prize it highly. Mr. McKenzie has been given to understand he can recover the gun by paying a stiff price for it, but he says he will try a legal remedy to regain possession of the relic. It was a Hudson Bay gun and of English manufacture.

The story, briefly told, of the battle between the employees of the rival fur companies is as follows: Word reached Fort Frances that a large fleet of canoes, heavily laden with furs was coming down the river. Both of the fur companies heard the news at about the same time, and each fitted out an expedition to proceed up river and meet the Indians, carrying with them presents and words of kindly greeting, all calculated to win the good will of the Indians and help the business in sight.

The rival expeditions started up the river in canoes at about the same time, and before they had proceeded far got into a fight. It is related by oldtimers who have heard the story from others, since passed away, that the men became absorbed in the fight and allowed their canoes to drift so near the falls that they could not save themselves. In consequence they were carried over and drowned or dashed to death on the rocks.

The gun which Mr. McKenzie and Terry & Paine claim was one that went over the falls with the rival expeditions which exterminated each other.

The Hardy Mountain Battery. At the outbreak of the Spanish war, in 1898, Captain G. W. Van Deusen, of the artillery corps, was sent to England to buy guns for use in a land of mountains and jungle. He bought his artillery, took it to Manila, and with a hundred or more men and mules organized the first mountain battery attached to the United States army. The battery was only a temporary organization, but it proved its value in the island campaign. Two of the batteries are in the Philippines and one is at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where it is of frequent use in the field problem of the General Staff and Service college. Soon after the first rumors of war with Colombia came out of Washington the mountain battery at Leavenworth received many unofficial warnings—that it would be part of the American army to be sent to the isthmus. The officers and men still have hopes.

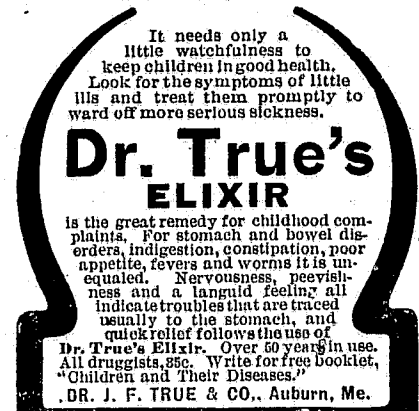
One gun is apportioned among four mules—wheel and axles, trail, gun barrel, and, last, cradle or chamber, to take up the concussion caused by firing. The bore is 75 millimeters, or 2.95 inches. Stocky mules and long men are required, for parts weighing 350 pounds each are to be lifted to the backs of the animals. The mules do not kick, or there would be a high death rate in the command, as the men necessarily take many chances with agile hind hoofs. The first training of the green mule is to make it as gentle as a house dog, and there is bareback riding for weeks before a pack is brought into sight.

The battery is officered by Captain Oscar I. Smith, Lieutenant D. W. Hand, Lieutenant Cleveland C. Lansing and Lieutenant N. B. Rehkopf—Collier's Weekly.

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"All a Mistake."

It is not "all a mistake" that the Vanessa Dramatic Company which played last Friday evening at Odeon Hall was indeed "all right, all right." From start to finish it pleased all who were present; the parts were exceedingly well taken, and certainly there have been professionals in our midst whose work on the stage was far below that of this company. The play was amusing and called forth much laughter and applause. Following was the cast of characters:

Capt. Obadiah Skinner, a retired sea Captain, Herman Smart
George Richmond, (Lieut.) his nephew, Harry McCann
Richard Hamilton, a country gentleman, Guy Russell
Ferdinand Lighthouse, a top-eared dude, Harold Swett
Nellie Richmond, George's wife, Annie Lane

Nellie Huntington, a friend, Abbie Shepherd
Cornelia (Nellie) Skinner, Obadiah's sister, Sadie Estle
Nellie McIntyre, a maid, Mollie Cunningham

The dance in the evening was well attended and a very enjoyable time was had. Seldom if ever, has there been to come Bethel such a large party of young people who conducted themselves with such decorum as did these young people. Portland should be proud of these members of its High school and Bethel is always glad to welcome such. Mr. Clarence Wescott the business manager of the company is a former resident of a nearby town and it is through his ability and enterprise that such a goodly audience greeted the players as the curtain arose. Miss Ruth King furnished music between the acts also assisted by Miss Elsie Hall, for the dance that followed.

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Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bethel Improvement Association at the Bethel Library, Wednesday evening, May 25, at 7:30 o'clock. All members of the committee are earnestly requested to be present.

Per order,
THE SECRETARY.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Miss Hattie Foster Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. A special program has been prepared.

Prof. E. H. Pratt returned to Oxford Saturday, taking with him Mrs. Pratt and little son who have been spending several weeks with Mrs. Pratt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grover.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Bartlett of Idaho after an absence of twenty-two years in the west are visiting relatives in this vicinity. The past week was spent with his brother Geo. F. Bartlett on Park street.

The Commencement Concert this year promises to be one of the best in the history of Commencement Concerts at Gould's. Tickets now on sale at Wiley's at 35 and 50 cents. All seats reserved.

Mrs. O. M. Mason is entertaining a delighted house party this week at her charming home on Vernon street. Her guests consist of Miss Lillian Brown and her charge, Master Arnold Forbes, Miss Edith Averill and her charge, Master Donald Kimball Mason, and Miss Dorothea Mason all of Portland.

Mr. E. C. Rowe, while assisting in building a fence yesterday afternoon, cut his foot so that eight stitches were taken to close the wound. This is the third accident that has befallen Mr. Rowe within a year. It is feared that the last will confine him to his home for a number of weeks. His friends, hope, however, to hear that he is making as speedy recovery as possible and that he will soon be about his place of business.

W. S. Wight will give a grand concert at Odeon Hall, Bethel, Tuesday evening June 14, with the following attractive and most pleasing talent, Rev. Stanford Mitchell of Rumford Falls, Maine's greatest renowned tenor singer.

This will be the first appearance of Mr. Mitchell before a Bethel audience, and a great treat is assured for all. Mr. Mitchell who was formerly of Caribou, came there from Boston where he was engaged in concerts and evangelistic work with fine success. For several years Mr. Mitchell studied abroad with the most eminent vocal teachers, and also in Boston and New York. He has a high, strong, clear voice of pure tenor quality, and the beautiful light and shading which he gives to his songs makes the rendering of a most pleasing manner. He has but few equals, and is very popular and well known all over this as well as other States. A very fine ladies' quartet will also assist and other enjoyable talent. This will be one of the best and most pleasing concerts ever given in Bethel. Further notices will be given. Mr. Wight has had Mr. Mitchell in view for seven years for a concert here to please his Bethel friends. He has sung for Mr. Wight in some of the largest towns in Aroostook County at his closing concerts with great success, and we feel and know we shall be delighted to hear him on Tuesday evening, June 14.

Gum Digging in New Zealand.

One of the most profitable industries of North Maoriland is the digging of kauri gum. Whenever a man is dead broke he goes to the gum lands, and gum digging is the last resort of the badly brought up, incompetent Englishman sent to New Zealand to sink or swim. Many are the aristocratic families of the old lands whose sons are "gummies."

The method of digging was formerly to probe with a long pointed iron spear into likely places, and upon striking what seemed a hard, brittle substance to dig with the spade. Of course, the livelihood thus afforded is precarious.

The gum is the deposit of kauri trees, which grew hundreds, perhaps thousands of years ago. Floods and fires brought whole forests of these giant trees to earth and time buried them.

As the gum was squeezed out it hardened into lumps of all sizes from a cubic yard down. Usually it is broken into much smaller pieces.

Two or three kinds of gum exist. The white, clear gum is most sought for. Then there is a medium grade, a dark, treacle-colored lot, called blackjack. Lower again are the tiny nuts, and sugar gum. All are used and of late years the price of blackjack has advanced.

Not long ago a man bought a farm put down in grass 30 years ago for \$3,000. He hired a party of Austrians to dig it for gum, and in much less than a year he had more than paid for the farm with the gum taken out of one paddock, and had the rest still to dig. This gum was found at from 6 to 10 feet down.

One man sold for \$450 the right to dig over four acres of ground.

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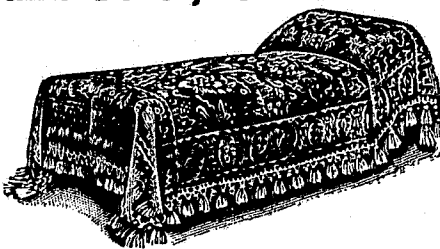
He was sired by Dare Devil, a son of Mambrino King, known as the handsomest horse in the world, but that is not all. His dam was Jewel, by Almont Jr., and she is the dam of five foals, with records and trials from 2.10½ to 2.20, including Lord March 2.11½, Diamond King 2.19½, and Point Dexter 2.21½. With a dam like Jewel, Decorate cannot fail to become great. He is the handsomest horse to-day that stands in the State of Maine. Visitors always welcome, at my stable in South Paris village, where he will make the season of 1904. Term, \$25. All mares at owners' risk. Send for tabulated pedigree.

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M. E. Church Notes.

On Sabbath morning, June 5, will be preached the Passover sermon, followed by the administration of the sacrament to all Christians who will come to the table of our Lord. It is purposed to make this day a time of special consecration to the work of the succeeding months. The pastor here with sends invitation to all our people to be present. In the evening, the first part of a prophecy, entitled "The Revival of the Twentieth Century," will be delivered. It is possible that some special religious services may follow during the week.

On Monday evening, June 6, by order of the new president, Miss Mary Cummings, the first business meeting of the Epworth League under the direction of the newly elected officers, will be held at the vestry. Important business comes to hand. Let every member of the chapter who can possibly be present come to this meeting.

The Class meetings on Tuesday evenings are seasons of helpfulness and interest. Though the attendance has not yet reached the size that it ought to, yet, as compared with many of our churches our Class is well sustained. The leader is always at his post.

By order of the Secretary, the weekly meeting of the Ladies' Church Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Emma Robertson on Mason street, Friday afternoon of this week. Important matters need attention. Please attend.

Services at Mason church next Sabbath June 5. All interested please take notice. At 2:30 p. m. Methodist services resumed at Locke Mills June 19.

In connection with the Epworth League business meeting on Monday evening, the pastor desires to announce that he will give his impressions of Los Angeles and the general Conference. All who are interested, whether members of the League or not, are invited.

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